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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Action dated February 1, 2001. Applicants respectfully request that the amendment provided below be entered into the above-referenced file and that the merits of the application be reconsidered in view of the amendments and response provided below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-39 without prejudice for further prosecution in, for example, a continuation or divisional application, and add new claims 40-69 as follows:

40. (NEW) A micro flow system for separating particles, comprising a member having

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